THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) State Forest Corporations have been set up in the following States and Union Territories:

Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Punjab, Rajasthan, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Initially, these corporations were set up with the sole objective of eliminating age old practice of forest working by contractors and taking up large scale Plantations. The underlying objective was to provide massive employment and a fair wage to local forest workers especially Tribals and other weaker sections. Subsequently, 7 Forest Development Corporations in Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Orissa and Gujarat started tree planting activities. The others are engaged in harvesting and logging operations as well as collection and marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP). In some States important MFPs have been nationalised and FDCs have been appointed as the sole agents for collection and marketing of such nationalised produce.

(d) The State Forest Corporations have been providing employment to adivasis and other rural workers during lean season at their door steps. The rates have been improving significantly with the rise in the price index. Forest Development Corporations have also been creating some amenities and development avenues for tribals and village communities in the area of their operations.

[*Translation*]

Endangered Species

4376. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the species of animals and birds in India which are on the verge of extinction;

(b) the names of the extinct species of animals and birds; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to save the endangered species of animals and birds from extinction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) A list of endangered species of mammals, birds and reptiles as contained in the 1988 Red List of Threatened Animals of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) is given in Statement below.

(b) The cheetah, the Lesser Indian Rhinoceros and the Pink-headed duck are considered to have become extinct in India during the current century.

(c) Steps taken by Government for preservation and multiplication of the endangered species include:—

(i) Hunting of endangered species, and trade in articles made out of such species has been banned under the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

(ii) International trade in endangered species of plants and animals and articles made thereof has been banned under the provisions of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

(iii) Central Assistance is provided to State/UT. Governments for strengthening anti-poaching infrastructure.

(iv) A net work of 411 wildlife sanctuaries and 70 national parks covering 4.2% of the geographical area of the country has been set up for conservation of wild flora and fauna.

Financial assistance is provided by the Central Government for development of national parks and sanctuaries, on requests from the state governments.

(v) Special schemes for protection and conservation of tigers and rhinos are being implemented.

(vi) Close coordination is maintained with the police, the Customs Department, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Central Bureau of Investigation, Coast Guard and Army regarding anti-poaching measures.

(vii) Zoos are playing a significant role in 'ex situ' conservation of endangered species through captive breeding.

(viii) A system of cash rewards has been introduced for getting intelligence about poachers and illegal traders.

STATEMENT

List of Animals and Birds included in the endangered List of Red Data Book of I.U.C.N.

S. No.	*Common Name*	*Scientific Name*	*Area of the Country where Founded*
1	2	3	4
A. Mammals			
1.	Lion tailed Macaque	Macaca silenus	Ever green Forests in Western Ghats.
2.	Nilgiri Leaf Monkey	Trachypithecus Johnii	Southern India
3.	Blue Whale	Balaenoptera musculus	Indian Ocean
4.	Humpback Whale	Megaptera novaeangliae	Indian Ocean
5.	Great Indian Rhinoceros	Rhinoceros unicornis	Assam, North West Bengal.
6.	Asiatic Lion	Panthera Leopersica	Gir National Park
7.	Tiger	Panthera tigris	Throughout India
8.	Snow Leopard	Panthera uncia	High Himalayas from Laddakh to Sikkim.
9.	Indian elephant	Elephas maximus	Foothills of Himalayas, from U.P. to Meghalaya, Bihar, Orissa and four Southern States.
10.	Indian Wild Ass	Equus hemionus Khur	Rann of Kutch
11.	Pygmy Hog	Sus salvanus	Manas Tiger Reserve and neighbouring area.
12.	Swamp deer	Cervus duvauceli	Terai and Duars of northern and eastern India from U.P. to Assam and Kanha National Park to Bastar in M.P.

S. No.	*Common Name*	*Scientific Name*	*Area of the Country where Founded*
1	2	3	4
13.	Hangul	Cervus elephus hanglu	Northern side of Kashmir Valley.
14.	Manipur Brow Antlered Deer	Cervus eldi eldi	Keibul Lamjao National Park, Manipur.
15.	Wild Asiatic Water Buffalo	Bubalis bubalis	Terai areas in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Eastern Maharashtra, Western Orissa.
B. Birds			
1.	Cheer pheasant	Catreus wallichi	Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Garhwal and Kumaon.
2.	Western trangopan	Tragopan melanocephalus	Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Garhwal and Kumaon in U.P.
3.	Bengal Florican	Houbaropsis bengalensis	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal in Duar areas and Kumaon Hills.
4.	Lesser Florican	Sypheotides indica	Whole of India except very humid areas.
C. Reptiles			
1.	Estuarine Crocodile	Crocodylus porosus	East coast of India and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
2.	Gharial	Gavialis gangeticus	Ganges, Mahanadi and Brahmputra.
3.	River Terrapin	Batagur baska	South West Bengal.

Fencing Around Dudhava National Park

4377. DR. G. L. KANAUJIA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the animals from outside damage the crops surrounding Dudhava National Park to great extent in the night due to the fear of lion/tiger;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to erect the fencing for checking the entry of these animals; and

(c) whether any survey has been conducted in regard to the damage done to the crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (c) There have been reports of herbivorous animals from inside Dudhwa National Park